

# Wisconsin's Older Population

## Social and Economic Characteristics

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	Wisconsin		U.S.
Household Income (Householder Age 65+)		Percent	Percent
Income less than \$35,000	294,085	65.2%	61.9%
Income less than \$50,000	362,629	80.4%	76.4%

Persons 65+ with Incomes Below Poverty Level	Number	Percent	Percent
Below Poverty	49,245	7.4%	9.9%
Below 2.0 x Poverty	196,378	29.6%	31.3%

Median Income: Comparing Age Groups		Dollars	Dollars
Total (Householders of all ages)		\$43,791	\$41,994
Householder 65 to 74 years		\$31,328	\$31,368
Householder 75 years and over		\$21,046	\$22,259

Employment Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Males Employed in Civilian Labor Force	51,616	17.7%	17.5%
Females Employed in Civilian Labor Force	38,401	9.3%	9.0%

Educational Attainment: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
65+; Less than 9th grade	125,216	17.8%	16.8%
65+; 9th to 12th grade; no diploma	109,069	15.5%	17.8%
65+; High school graduate (includes equivalency)	268,653	38.2%	32.0%
65+; Some college; no Bachelor's degree	110,522	15.7%	18.1%
65+, Bachelor's degree or more	89,208	12.7%	15.4%

Marital Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Never married	33,007	4.7%	4.4%
Married	371,701	52.9%	51.0%
Separated	36,543	5.2%	5.1%
Widowed	220,271	31.3%	32.4%
Divorced	41,146	5.9%	7.2%
<b>Males</b> , 65 and over, married	207,754	71.3%	69.9%
<b>Females</b> , 65 and over, married	163,947	39.9%	37.8%

Disability Status, Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Persons 65 or older with any disability	242,237	36.5%	41.9%
With a sensory disability	78,834	11.9%	14.2%
With a physical disability	159,880	24.1%	28.6%
With a mental disability	50,183	7.6%	10.8%
With a self-care disability	49,928	7.5%	9.5%
With a go-outside-home disability	117,174	17.7%	20.4%
Age 65+, with disability and income below poverty level	25,762	10.6%	13.2%